Quiz 7-27-16  
Chapter 7 – The Legislature  
Chapter 8 – The Executive  
  
1. The Texas Constitution requires the speaker of the house to be selected by   
a. the majority of the membership of the house..   
b. a statewide election with a plurality of the votes.   
c. members of his party or party in the house.   
d. every member of both chambers.   
  
2. Which of the following is not a reason why committees are often called “little legislatures”?   
a. A committee can conduct the real legislative business of compromise and accommodation.   
b. A committee can change the content of a bill or kill the bill.   
c. In committees, bills may be totally rewritten or could be pigeonholed.   
d. A bill can be enacted into law by a committee in case of an emergency..   
  
3. Which of the following is not a legislative commission or board?   
a. The Sunset Advisory Commission   
b. The Legislative Audit Committee   
c. The Legislative Council   
d. The Railroad Commission.   
  
4. Which of the following does not provide an opportunity for the governor to have greater influence on both the legislative and administrative policy?   
a. The Texas Constitution.   
b. Media access   
c. Party influence   
d. Appointive powers to boards, commissions, and the judiciary   
  
5. Which term best describes the executive branch?   
a. Fragile   
b. Fragmented.   
c. Centralized   
d. Diversified 